Wheat Export

1207. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of wheat exported from the country during the last three years, year-wise; and

(b) the estimate of wheat to be exported this year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) The total quantity and value of wheat exported during the last 3 years is as under:

Qty. in Lakh MT
Value: Rs. crores

Year	Qty.	Value
1999-2000	—	—
2000-01	8.13	415.09
2001-02(P)	26.49	1330.21
2002-03 (April-August, 2002)	15.23	727.28

Source: DGCI & S Calcutta

(b) It is not possible to estimate the quantity and value of wheat to be exported, as the same would be a function of various factors, including international demand and supply situation.

Status of domestic newsprint industry

1208. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the domestic newsprint industry;

(b) whether it is a fact that because of rampant dumping of newsprint by Russia, Poland, Indonesia and Canada, the domestic newsprint industry is facing severe crisis; and

(c) if so, the efforts taken by his Ministry in this direction since January, 2002?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH): (a) There are 65 mills (4 in Central Public